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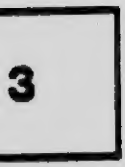

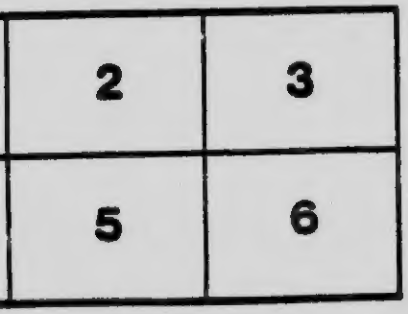

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To
Every Founder
of a Home
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PREFACE

THIS Book of Devotion, which is issued by authority of the General Assembly, is designed to provide devotional aids to worship in the home. The hope is that it will not only supply prayers, simple, heart-felt, and reverent, for family use, but that it will also awaken a prayerful spirit which will in course of time create its own forms of expression.

The *first* place has been given to fourteen prayers, seven for the mornings and seven for the evenings of the week. These form the kernel of the book and are intended to become familiar to the members of the household as showing them the wide range of human needs, and some of the best ways of expressing them. Each of the prayers in this division has been kept within the strictest limit as to length, and the ever-recurring wants of family life in our day have been kept constantly in view.

A selection of short devotional sentences from Scripture is prefixed to each of the prayers. These are brief, and for the most part ejaculatory utterances, intended to kindle a devotional spirit and prepare the way for the rest of the service.

The prayers in the *second* division of the book are meant to meet the wants of those who would, on occasion, prefer to vary a little

the daily service. Here will be found, on the one hand, prayers by the great masters of the spiritual life in past generations, and on the other hand, some prayers of our own day. One or two of the latter are more social than personal in their spirit and content. The prayers in this part are also arranged for morning and evening, although the days of the week are not specified.

The *third* division is made up of short occasional prayers, connected with or arising from special events and experiences of the family life. It also includes prayers circling round the cardinal events in Gospel history, such as the Birth, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord, and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Here will be found also prayers for the Missionary and Educational work of the Church, for the Nation and Commonweal, together with Children's Prayers, and forms of Grace before meat.

A valuable part of the book is the list of readings from Scripture for every day in the year. In this list the name of the book, the number of the chapter, and the verses in which the lesson for the day is to be found, are set down in detail. An apposite title suggesting the main gist of the selected lesson has been given in every case, and it is important that this should be announced before the passage of Scripture is read. A list of Psalms and Hymns

has been added from the Book of Praise, to aid in choosing the hymn to be used. This completes the devotional aids to Family Worship which have been deemed most helpful and necessary.

One word of a practical and personal kind TO THE READER.

In the preparation of the prayers, in the selection of portions of Scripture to be read and hymns to be sung, we have followed carefully thought-out principles, which have been tested in practice and found to work satisfactorily. But in using this book yourself, bear in mind that the circumstances within our homes are very varied, and that it may be necessary to make little changes or adjustments to meet these conditions. For example, if you have not found it possible to have prayers in the morning, before or after breakfast, then try to secure a few minutes after the evening meal, if need be without leaving the table. Be brief—never more than eight, or less than three minutes—and let all take a part in the service as far as possible, in prayer, or hymn, or responsive reading, or by reading in unison. Be sincere, at the same time bright and natural, and keep in mind that you are entering into the Great Father's presence, and in thought and feeling try to bring your children and friends with you. In using a book such as this, there must of necessity be repetition, but avoid monotony in tone or manner, and let the

fresh feeling of the heart inspire every word. Then you and your household will have some high moments with God and with one another, and the level of life in your home will be lifted nearer heaven.

The manuscript of this volume was prepared some years ago by the General Assembly's Committee on 'Public Worship and Aids to Devotion', of which the Rev. W. Farquharson, D.D., was then Convener; but owing to war conditions publication had to be postponed till the present year. Thanks are due to the Rev. J. M. E. Ross, M.A., London, Eng., for assistance in reading proofs for the press.

We send forth the Book of Family Devotion with the earnest hope and prayer that it may help our people to give God the central place in their home life; for it is in the home where Christ is honored that all the highest interests of the world find their first and best nourishment, and men and women their most enduring lessons of love and patience, self-sacrifice and tender forbearance.

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OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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A Week of Prayers for Family Worship.

Sunday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

OUR heavenly Father, we thank thee that thou hast brought us to the beginning of a new week, and art calling us to rest awhile from the toil of other days. We are

here gathered that we may hold communion with thee in quietness and peace of soul. We desire to feel thee very near, and to have the touch of thy great Spirit upon our earthly lives. O thou mighty Quickener of the souls of men, quicken us while we wait upon thee. Take the dust and darkness of the world out of our hearts, and fill us with living thoughts and loving impulses which thou canst use for the furtherance of thy Kingdom among men. Deliver us from the blinding forces within and without, and renew us in the spirit of our Master.

We acknowledge that we have not always used thy day as we ought; we have not drawn near to thee when thou hast drawn nigh to us; we have refused thy help when we needed it sorely for the work and discipline of life. O loving Father, be merciful and forgiving to us, we pray thee!

O gracious God, give power to thy Word, and may thy worshipping people this day be enlightened, revived, and comforted; may those who know thee not be led to yield their hearts to thee and their lives to thy service. Grant thy Presence to any who are withheld by thy providence from uniting with us in our common worship of thee.

With glad adoring hearts, we join the great multitude of thy people all over the world who to-day praise thee and seek thy blessing in the courts of thy house.

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Blessing and glory, thanksgiving and praise be to thee, O God, who didst on this first day of the week raise up our Lord Jesus in triumph over the grave. May many now rise with him to newness of life and power.

These things we ask in the Name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father .... Amen.

Sunday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

O GOD, thou great and glorious One, we praise and adore thee for thy tender love to us. As we think of our sinfulness

and our weakness, we are filled with wonder at thy kindness and thy patience with us. We thank thee that thou hast come near to us this day, and hast held out loving hands of sympathy to draw us still closer to thy heart. O gracious Father, grant that we may not draw back from thee, and set our minds and hearts upon the world and ourselves. In all the duties and pleasures of the week that is to come, may our faces still be turned towards thee, our minds filled with high and noble thoughts, and our hearts with the desire to be like thee. Help us to walk the earth as Jesus did, denying ourselves and living for others; and may the sunshine of his presence be around us.

Grant, O Lord, that much blessing may come this day to all who have spoken for thee, and to all who have heard thy message, and may the time soon come when in every part of the world men shall lift up their voices to praise thee, and give of their best to serve thee.

Bless all little children to-night. Give relief to the sick and suffering, and comfort and support to the sorrowing and lonely ones. Grant courage and new hope to the despairing, and strength and pure visions to all who are tempted.

May all our friends and dear ones, wherever they may be, feel thy loving presence with them to-night, and do thou, Blessed Saviour,

enfold all thy children in thy protecting care.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Monday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

MOST gracious God and Father, we thy children draw near to thee as we begin another day. We come before thee in our Saviour's Name, seeking thy favor and blessing, and beseech thee for his sake to hear our prayer.

We praise thee for thy watchful care

throughout the night. Thou hast kept us from harm and given us rest in sleep.

We give thee thanks for the blessings to which we awake. May we receive them this day as fresh gifts from thee. Keep us ever mindful that thou, O most bountiful God, art the giver of all.

Especially do we thank thee for the spiritual benefits which thou hast bestowed upon us; for thy approach to us in thy Holy Word and our access to thee in prayer; for the sure knowledge of thee as our loving Father in Jesus Christ; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the life everlasting.

Thy holy day is past and gone, and once more we turn to our common duties. Gracious Father, be pleased to help us. Keep us true to the lessons we learned yesterday. Continue to us the hallowing presence of thy Spirit; shed abroad thy love within us, and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

We know not what lies before us. Prepare us for all that may come in thy Providence; for any work, for every difficulty, for all temptations, and for such tidings as may reach us. Cause us as sheep of the Good Shepherd so to hear his voice, and follow him, that no evil may beguile us and no wrong influence lead us astray.

We pray for those whom we love and for such as are absent from us. Near or far, we are all in thy sight. Look down on us this

day in mercy; preserve us from evil and keep us in thy holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Monday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

If there be any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any compassions and mercies;

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

GRACIOUS Lord, who hast kept us through this day and brought us safely to its close, we give thee thanks for thy goodness, for every gift we have received, for all the comforts we have enjoyed, and for thy long-suffering and tender mercy toward us.

Throughout the day thine all-seeing eye has followed us. Our actions lie open before thee, our secret thoughts, our inmost motives. Forgive all that thou hast seen amiss in us. Purify our hearts, and they shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

From thy hand we receive each morning new gifts to use for thee. Make us in deed and in truth thy watchful stewards and keep us day by day more faithful to our charge, more loving in our service.

We pray thee to bless every effort made this day throughout the world to bring men to thee. Look with favor upon our own land. Defeat all the powers of evil, break down every barrier to good, and let righteousness flow down our streets as a river. Still continue to us the light of thy truth; still bless us with thy love.

We pray for all who are dear to us. If any have forgotten thee this night, graciously turn their hearts anew to thyself; if any are astray be pleased of thy goodness to guide them back into the path of duty and restore them to the joy of thy Kingdom.

Guard us, we beseech thee, through the coming night. Let thy mercy rest upon our home. Sleeping or waking may we be thine, and may thy peace be upon us.

We ask all in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Tuesday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

O LORD our God, again with this new day we seek thy face. We thank thee that the throne of grace is always open to us, and that every day we may draw near to thee by Jesus Christ.

Thou hast kept us in safety through the night. We laid us down and slept: we awaked, for thou hast sustained us.

And now we beseech thee to dispose and incline us to give ourselves anew to thy service. Show us the path wherein thou wouldst

have us walk; keep us from turning aside, and uphold our goings that our footsteps slip not.

Alas! we are prone to go astray. Too apt are we to forget thee amid the concerns of our daily life. May thy Spirit abide in us that we may be kept continually near to thee. Let not the world ensnare us this day. Let no false rule of life prevail in our hearts over the simple guidance of thy Word. Give us grace even in the common employments of the day to follow thee fully.

In all our intercourse with others, help us to adorn the Gospel. In whatever company we find ourselves, enable us to act as thy servants. Preserve us from idle words, from unholy thoughts and evil desires. Arm us with the whole armour of God, that we may stand in thy strength and overcome all our temptations.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God: therefore we would take refuge under the shadow of thy wings. Help us to know and believe the love that thou hast to us,—thy love in providence, thy love in redemption. Teach us to love thee who first loved us. Watch over those who are absent from us. Bless them in body and in soul, and order all things for their good.

We ask all in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

O GRACIOUS God, whose thoughts are turned to us with such infinite pity and love, help us to draw near to thee with true humility and trust.

At the close of this day we thank thee for thine unwearied care over us when we were all unheeding, or occupied with our daily duties, trials, and pleasures. As the days pass may we realize more and more the blessing that the feeling of thy presence gives, and long to share with thee every toiling, tempted, or joyful hour of our daily lives.

O loving Father, remember that we are dust, and frail as the flowers: touch our hearts with the vastness of thine everlasting mercy, that our lives may be renewed, and we may be strengthened—each to live our common life to thy glory.

O Lord, we know that thy pure eyes have seen much in us to cause thee sorrow. We have turned from what was right, and chosen to follow our own foolish and sinful ways; but we pray thee to forgive us. We beseech thee in thy boundless mercy to remove our sins far from us. O thou great Conqueror and Deliverer, subdue the evil in us, that our lives may show forth more of thine own pure beauty, and bring peace and joy to those around us.

O thou patient and tender Friend, as we gather in thy presence to-night, like children round a mother's knee, we know not how to utter all our hearts' longings for those whom we love; but thou knowest, and we trustfully leave them in thy keeping. Whether near to us or distant from us, whether young or old, whether in joy or sorrow, may each one find rest this night in thee, and rise refreshed when the new day begins. May thy merciful love brood over all our suffering sinful world, and hasten the coming of thy perfect Kingdom.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Wednesday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our loving Father, who hast cared for us during the night and hast safely brought us to the beginning of this new day, we give thee thanks for the common mercies of food, raiment, and shelter. We bless thee for thy goodness and lovingkindness toward us this day and all the days of our life. Receive us now, we beseech thee, as we come to thee in our family worship, trustfully committing ourselves to thine unfailing love.

O holy and gracious God, we instantly remember our sins when we recall thy mercies. We often grieve thee by our disobedience; by the evil we do and the good we leave undone; by our selfishness and our unkindness. We have sinned in the behaviour which our fellowmen can see, and in the secret thoughts which thou alone dost know. Forgive us, O Lord, we beseech thee, for the sake of thy dear Son our Saviour. Draw us to thyself and keep us near thee that we may not fall this day into any sin.

We know not what a day may bring forth, but we know that thy grace will be sufficient for us. Strengthen us for every duty; deliver us in temptation; comfort us in sorrow. Make us brave to confess Christ before men, and to live not unto ourselves but always unto thee.

We commend to thy fatherly care all who are dear to us, especially such of them as may stand in urgent need of thy help. We pray thee to sustain all in trouble, and grant them, if it please thee, a speedy deliverance from their burden.

Hear us as we pray with one heart and voice, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father .... Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

WE wait upon thee, O risen Lord, at the close of the day, entreating that in our hearts as on our lips may be the prayer of thy disciples, 'Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.'

Make known to us that thou hast in very truth entered our dwelling, ready to reveal thyself in the common concerns of our lives, even as thou wast known of thy disciples in the breaking of bread. Teach us, as thou dost company with us, the things concerning thyself; that we, enlightened in the knowledge of thee, may apprehend the meaning

of thy suffering for us upon the bitter Cross, and may share now and for ever the blessings of thy glory.

Give to the children such sense of thy protecting presence that they may be kept in perfect peace. Fold them in thine arms.

For those dear to us who are absent, we seek like blessing, that there may be no feeling of loneliness where thou dost abide.

We now commit ourselves to thee, praying that the rest of the night may prepare us for the labor of the day, and that in days to come we may be so kept by thy power that we may be made perfect in every good work to do thy will; through Jesus Christ.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Thursday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us:

And establish thou the work of our hands

upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Lord of heaven and earth; We come once more into thy presence and beseech thy blessing upon ourselves and our loved ones this day. Grant that we may begin the day in a spirit of humility, trusting in thy goodness and hoping in thy mercy. May the thought of all the help so graciously given in the past inspire in us a deeper sense of gratitude, and quicken in our hearts a childlike faith in the constant mercy of our God. Give us a desire to do well our daily duty, that it may become a real service unto thee and unto our fellowmen. Make us faithful in what seem to be small things, that we may be prepared for larger responsibilities; and while we look forward to a rich reward in the increasing knowledge of thyself, may we find full satisfaction in the faithful discharge of common duties.

Most gracious God, pardon, we beseech thee, the sins and offences of our past life, and look not upon our evil deserts but upon thy manifold promises of mercy vouchsafed

to us through him in whom thou art well pleased. Let thy rich blessing descend upon our friends and neighbors and upon all who are in trouble. Bless thy whole Church, and hasten the day when all men shall know thee.

We ask all in Jesus' name, who has taught us, when we pray, to say

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Thursday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we gather together at thy footstool in family devotion, that we may offer to thee in lowly reverence our evening prayer. As we think upon the life we have lived to-day, may we be wise to remember that which we ought not to forget. May we especially call to mind our sins, the greatness of thy redeeming love, and the goodness and mercy that have followed us from morning until evening. Grant us grace to forget that which is now behind, that we may not be hindered through mourning over the mistakes we have made, the opportunities we have lost, and the restless craving for that which can never be.

Enable us by thy grace to resolve anew that, penitent and forgiven, we shall go forward with stronger faith, deeper love, larger hope. With such thoughts we lay us down to sleep, asking thee as the last gift of thy love for this day to give us rest, at peace with the world and with thee.

To thy goodness and mercy we commend our friends and every soul in difficulty or in darkness. Give the tempted deliverance, the sick healing, the doubting faith, the weary rest, and the sorrowful the consolations of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Friday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

O GOD and Father of all, as we come before thee at the beginning of this new day, may our hearts look up to thee with gladness. Help us when we kneel to put aside anxious thoughts of the world and fears of what may befall us in the coming hours, and fill us, O Lord, with thine own Spirit of peace.

Thou, the Lord, art strong and holy, and

we would thankfully lean upon thee and find in thee strength to help us through the duties and temptations of this day. Thou art full of tenderness and compassion, understanding the deepest need of every heart before thee, and in thy great love thou art waiting to help. Give us, O Father, the wisdom we need for our daily tasks: give us courage in the face of difficulties, patience in suffering, and meekness under provocation. Give us a loving, unselfish spirit, ever ready to help others as thou hast helped us. May we be glad and cheerful through the passing hours, praising thee by joyful, thankful lives.

O gracious Father, we have need of thy loving forbearance, for we fall far short of all we fain would be, and still more of what thou wouldst have us be. We forget what is highest and best; we are discontented, thoughtless, and unkind, weak and yielding in the time of trial.

O God, forgive us! Keep us closer to thyself, that we may learn of thee. Grant more and more that thy thoughts may be our thoughts and thy ways our ways.

And now, Lord, as we rise from our morning prayer let thy presence go with us and abide with us all through the day. We ask these things with thankful, adoring hearts, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Friday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be;

But we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Source of all life and Maker of all things, we come before thee this night to thank thee for thy care of us throughout the past day. In thy wondrous love thou hast led us and fed us and kept us from danger, and given all needed help in the work we had to do.

O Lord, we pray that as the days pass our hearts may learn to see more of Thy goodness and love in our daily lives, so that we may be filled with joy and praise and a glad

longing to serve thee. We ask thee, O Father, to teach us to thank thee even for the hard and painful things through which we have to pass. Help us to remember that the whole of our life is ordered by thee in love, and that thou art seeking to perfect us and make us worthy to be called children of God. Save us from rebelling or murmuring at thy way with us, and may we trustfully lay our hands in thine that thou mayest lead us through the difficult places in life's road.

O loving Father, show thy tender and merciful heart this night to all lonely and discouraged ones, to all who are suffering or tempted. Give them thy peace and comfort and the help they need, that they too may praise thee.

Watch over and bless all those whom thou hast given us especially to love. Keep them this night under the shadow of thy wing. Give us all rest in sleep. Forgive the sins and mistakes of this day, and take from us every evil or resentful thought that would hinder us from resting in thee.

Grant us with these blessings a continual sense of thy loving Presence with us. We ask all in the Name of our beloved Saviour Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray,

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Saturday Morning.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

O GOD our Father, who dost call us to love and serve thee, help us to answer to thy call. Deliver us from all coldness of

heart, and by thy Spirit kindle in us a holy desire to see thy face, to know thy will, and to enjoy thy favor.

We thank thee for the blessings of the night and the mercies of the morning: for thy peace upon us while we slept, and the healthful influence of thy Presence when we waked. We praise thee for the ties which bind us to our earthly home; teach us also to bless thee for those ties which unite us to thyself and to the better home above.

O Lord, most merciful and most kind, assist us with thy grace in the doings of this day, that we may see our duty clearly and be strengthened in the same. Let not the cares of life press too heavily upon us. Let no evil thoughts have dominion over us. Take not thy Holy Spirit from us: help us to subdue our hasty and angry tempers; and grant that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness to thy praise and glory. Protect us in danger, support us in all trial; save us from following or setting an evil example, and lead us day by day along the Christian way.

O thou all-seeing and ever-loving Father, we ask that thy best blessings may rest on those whom we love, whether they be near at hand or far away. Draw near to them, and teach them to love thee and to live for thee. Thou knowest all the wishes and longings of our heart for them, and we pray

thee very graciously to keep them from all harm and danger to body and soul.

These things we ask in the Name of Jesus, who has taught us to pray,

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Saturday Evening.

The Family being assembled, the following Sentences may be read:

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Here a Psalm or a Hymn may be sung. Then let a Portion of Scripture be read, which may be taken from the Selections provided.

Prayer.

O GOD, our Creator and ever-faithful Preserver, we thank thee for thy loving care of us in the week that is now ending, and as we draw near to thee in prayer may we forget all else but thy Presence, and be filled with thy refreshing grace and peace.

O Lord, thy nearness to us brings us shame for the many things in which we fall short of thy loving purposes toward us. Forgive, O Saviour, our evil ways, our hasty unkind words, our hard, unloving deeds.

Almighty King and Father of us all, we rejoice in the knowledge that thou reignest in the heavens and in the earth, and that every heart of man will one day own thy sway. Hasten, we beseech thee, the coming of this good time. May thy Church in the world be purified and strengthened and greatly increased in power and usefulness. Make each one of us feel that we have our place in it. This night especially we ask for thy heavenly help that we may serve thee with willing hearts on the morrow in thy house. May those who minister bring us thoughts of things pure and heavenly, and do thou so prepare us and them that thy day may be a day of rest and renewal.

O thou Protector and Friend, keep all our dear ones this night within the safe shelter of thy love. May they and we follow thee at

every step of our daily life, and though our paths lead us far from one another, may we all be led at last to thee. In thy tender mercy bless old people and little children. Give grace to the tempted and courage to those who are cast down.

And now, Lord, we would lie down to sleep trusting in thy watchful care. Keep us through the dark hours resting in thine ever-wakeful love. We ask these things in the Name of our Lord Jesus, who has taught us when we pray to say,

Our Father . . . . Amen.

Additional Family Prayers for Morning and Evening.

Sunday Morning.

The following Sentences may be read:

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Or,

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoreth them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

GLORY be to thee, O God, Giver of the morning light, who hast raised our Lord Jesus from the dead, on this first day of the week, that we might rejoice in it and keep it holy, a Sabbath of the heart.

Cleanse us now, we implore thee, from all our sin, and bathe us with the dew of thy divine forgiveness, that we, being renewed in spirit, may enter gladly into the pure worship of this day, and serve thee with heavenly meditation and holy music, with faithful prayer and thankful praise, with words of love and works of mercy, with joy in thy creation and perfect peace in thee, according to the teaching and the example of thy Son, our living Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, O God, our souls do thirst after thee, that we may see thy power and thy glory, as we have seen them in the Sanctuary, and be satisfied with the goodness of thy House. Lead us and guide us unto thy holy hill, and

bring us together with sweet converse to the place of prayer, to hear thy Word of Truth in the spirit, to offer the sacrifices of joy with thy people, and to make melody in our hearts with the songs of Zion. Prepare us, we beseech thee, for a true entrance into the secret of thy tabernacle, and bless thy churches everywhere this day with the clear shining of thy Presence; that the Holy Spirit may descend on many hearts, and multitudes may be brought from the kingdom of Satan into the Kingdom of thy dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY God, we praise thee for the mercies which thou hast bestowed upon us as a household, and we beseech thee to bless all the families of earth with a Father's blessing. Look mercifully upon the solitary and the lonely, the weary and the heavy-laden, and grant them rest unto their souls. Pity and relieve the sorrows of all mankind. Shed abroad the holy influence of the Sabbath throughout our land, and keep our whole country, with those who are chosen to govern it, in the way of righteousness and peace. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all who are near and dear to us, wherever they may be to-day, praying thee to watch over them, to provide for them, to bless them in body and soul, and at last to bring them and us into the perfect and

eternal joy of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

O GOD, we rejoice that to-day no burden of work will be upon us, and that our body and soul are free to rest. We thank thee that of old this day was hallowed by thee for all who toil, and that from generation to generation the weary sons of men have found it a shelter and a breathing-space. We pray for thy peace on all our brothers and sisters who are glad to cease from labor and to enjoy the comfort of their home and the companionship of those whom they love. Forbid that the pressure of covetousness or thoughtless love of pleasure rob any who are worn of their divine right of rest. Grant us wisdom and self-control that our pleasures may not be follies, lest our leisure drain us more than our work. Teach us that in the mystic unity of our nature our body cannot rest unless our soul has repose, that so we may walk this day in thy presence in tranquillity of spirit, taking each joy as thy gift, and on the morrow return to our labor refreshed and content. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY Father, who, on this first morning of the week, didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that

great Shepherd of the sheep, grant that we, who are buried with him in our baptism, may be also raised with him through faith in his resurrection. May we set our minds on the things which are above, where he sitteth on thy right hand. May we die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Give us grace this day to keep worthily the feast of his resurrection. May we rest from worldly thoughts and plans; and where our treasure is, there may our hearts be also. Be with us at home, and in thy house of prayer.

O Lord, strengthen thy ministers to-day, that they may speak with power, and teach thou those that are set to teach thy people. Pour upon thy Churches the spirit of prayer, that not their lips only, but their hearts, may speak unto thee. Awaken the careless, convince the doubting, confirm the weak, add power to the strong.

May every Lord's day prepare us for the Day of the Lord; and each time that we celebrate his resurrection fit us to rise when he shall call us to glory. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, at the beginning of another week we come to thee for help and light. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may hallow this day of rest to thy service, and find in thee all peace and

strength. Quicken our devotion that we may serve thee in spirit and in truth, and lay a good foundation for our coming work. Be with us in all the public services of thy Church, that we may join in them with heart and soul, and receive the blessings which thou hast promised to all who sincerely pray to thee and faithfully hear thy Word. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Morning.

WE praise thee, O Lord our God, for this thy holy day. Grant that it may be to us a day of rest from worldly toil and care. Refresh our souls with thy heavenly gifts. Enable us to worship thee, in thy house of prayer, in spirit and in truth. Bless the ministers of thy Church, especially those who labor in this parish; make thy word, in their mouth, powerful to the conversion of sinners, and to the building up of thy people in the faith of thy blessed Son. Grant that all who confess thy holy Name may be of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

The following Sentences may be read:

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Therefore my people shall know my Name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Or,

Nevertheless, I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Prayer for Sunday Evening.

THE day of prayer and praise is over. We have been to the Lord's house, with the assembly of his people. We have asked many things from him. We have offered unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving. We have received the seed of his word.

And now, Lord, that we are met before thee, give us grace to search our hearts. What are we the better for this day? Have we grown in grace, and in the knowledge of thy blessed Son? Are we looking for the things which we have prayed for at thine hands? Are we more thankful for having uttered our praises? We have refreshed this day thy vows which were upon us. Are we more resolved than ever to obey thee? better armed for thy warfare? more determined that, as for us and ours, we will serve the Lord?

Grant that we may be neither barren nor unfruitful: thy servants have sown and watered; do thou, O Lord of the harvest, give the increase in our hearts.

And now, at the end of the Lord's day, we would thank thee for its hours of rest, and for its means of grace.

To thee, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves this night. O thou Good Shepherd, watch over us, the sheep of thy pasture. O

Holy Ghost the Comforter, guide and hallow our thoughts.

Thou in whom all families are blessed, bless thou our kindred and friends. May all who are united to us be with us united to thee; and be with us presented by thee in the presence of thy Father with exceeding joy. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Evening.

WE give thee humble thanks, O Father Almighty, for the blessings of another Christian Sabbath—for the privilege of attending thee in the courts of thy house, and for all the means of grace provided in thy Word and Sacraments. Be pleased, O Lord, to pardon the manifold imperfections of our acts of worship, and to accept the prayers of all who have this day been gathered together in thy Name. Grant that whatsoever in thy holy Word we have profitably learned, we may indeed fulfil the same. Continue to us the gifts of thy grace, and so teach us to do thy will, and incline our hearts to love thee, that we may live this week, and the remainder of our lives, in thy fear, and to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Sunday Evening.

O LORD God of our Life, who hast given to us the rest of this sacred day, grant that the benediction of its restfulness may abide

upon us throughout the week. Enable us to carry the influence of its consecration into all that we do; let the praises of our lips rendered to thee this day become praise in our lives. May the power of thy love be with us in every duty, that by pureness, by knowledge, and by tenderness we may glorify thee.

O Lord God, grant thy peace unto us, for thou hast supplied us with all things: the peace of rest, the peace of the Sabbath, which hath no evening; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning.

The following Sentences may be read:

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgements are a great deep: O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Morning Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father and Preserver, we give thee thanks that of thy goodness thou hast watched over us during the past night, and brought us to a new day: and we beseech thee to strengthen and guard us by thy Spirit, that we may spend it wholly in thy service and to thy glory, looking for all prosperity to thy blessing, and seeking only those things which are well-pleasing in thy sight. Enable us, O Lord, while we labor for the life that now is, ever to have regard unto that heavenly life which thou hast promised thy children. Defend us in soul and body from all harm. And seeing it is a small thing to have begun well, except we also persevere, take us, O Lord, into thy good keeping this day and all our days: continue and increase thy grace within us, until we shall be perfectly united in the glory of thy Son. Show thy lovingkindness unto all men and women and little children, according to the need of every living soul, especially unto those whom we love, and those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, whom we now remember silently before thee [*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*]. Protect our country, and prosper thy Church: bless all who do good in the world, and restrain and convert all who do evil. And

finally, be pleased to cast out of thy remembrance all our past offences, forgiving them in thy boundless mercy and purifying our hearts, that we may lead a better life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O GOD, we thank thee for the sweet refreshment of sleep and for the glory and vigor of the new day. As we set our faces once more toward our daily work, we pray thee for the strength sufficient for our tasks. May Christ's spirit of duty and service ennoble all we do. Uphold us by the consciousness that our work is useful work and a blessing to all. If there has been anything in our work harmful to others and dishonorable to ourselves, reveal it to our inner eye with such clearness that we shall hate it and put it away, though it be a loss to ourselves. When we work with others, help us to regard them, not as servants to our will, but as brothers equal to us in human dignity, and equally worthy of their full reward. May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done and we go to our long home to meet thy face. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O GOD, our reconciled Father in Christ, we come to thee as thine own children, to thank thee for thy great mercies. We lay down and slept, and arose in safety, for thine arms were around us. We bless thee for thus preserving us. We bless thee for our food and raiment, for our interests and comforts, for all that makes this present life to be desired. But above all, we bless thee for our place in thy family by redemption through Jesus Christ, thy Son. O Lord, what are we, that we should lift up our faces before thee and stand accepted in thy Presence?

Praise be to thee for the Incarnation of Jesus: praise be to thee for the Obedience of Jesus: praise be to thee for the Blood of Jesus: praise be to thee for the Glory of Jesus. For he is ours, and he is thine, and we are his. He is our Sacrifice, and thy Satisfaction: our glorious Head, and thine only-begotten Son: our Intercessor and thy Beloved: our merciful High Priest and thine anointed King.

O may we live by faith in him; may we increase in union with him; may we this day, and every day, become more and more like him, till we see him as he is, and be changed into his perfect likeness. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O LORD, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us: let thy peace rule in our hearts; and may it be our strength and our song in the house of our pilgrimage. We commit ourselves to thy care and keeping this day; let thy grace be mighty in us, and sufficient for us, and let it work in us both to will and to do of thine own good pleasure. Keep us from sin; give us the rule over our own spirits; and keep us from speaking unadvisedly with our lips. May we live together in peace and holy love, and do thou command thy blessing upon us, even life for evermore. Prepare us for all the events of the day, for we know not what a day may bring forth. Give us grace to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow in the steps of our Lord and Master. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

for Morning and Evening

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O GOD, we who are bound together in the tender ties of love, pray thee for a day of unclouded love. May no passing irritation rob us of our joy in one another. Forgive us if we have often been keen to see the human failings, and slow to feel the preciousness, of those who are still the dearest comfort of our life. May there be no sharp words that wound and scar, and no rift that may grow into estrangement. Suffer us not to grieve those whom thou hast sent to us as the sweet ministers of love. May our eyes not be so holden by selfishness that we know thine angels only when they spread their wings to return to thee. Amen.

A Morning Prayer before our Daily Work.

O LORD, who, by thy holy Apostle, hast taught us to do all things in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and to thy glory, give thy blessing, we pray thee, to our daily work, that we may do it in faith, and heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men. All our powers of body and mind are thine, and we would fain devote them to thy service. Sanctify them and the work in which they are engaged; let us not be slothful, but fervent in spirit; and do thou, O Lord, so bless our efforts that they may bring forth in us the fruits of true wisdom. Strengthen the faculties of our minds and dispose us to exert them, but let us always remember to exert them for thy glory and for the furtherance of thy Kingdom; and save us from all pride and vanity and reliance upon our own power or wisdom. Give us this day thy holy Spirit, that we may be thine in body and spirit, in all our work and all our refreshments; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

WE beseech thee, O God, to consecrate our home by thy presence, and enable us always to hope in thee.

We confess how prone we are to follow the

dictates of a perverse will and an impure heart, and to change even thy gifts into a curse through our misusing of them.

Have compassion upon us. May we learn to triumph over evil by loving more what is good. Forgive our vain thoughts, our misplaced affections, our useless deeds, and fill us anew with the solemn responsibility of life; may thy love make us lowly, and incline us to bring its message to the weary and oppressed, to the sad and desolate, to those who have wandered from the way, and would fain find rest to their souls.

Suffer us not to be weary in well-doing. Be with us when the flesh wars against the spirit and threatens to overcome. Be with us in our prosperity, lest the world ensnare us, and in the hour of trial, lest we lose faith in thee; and in thy great patience so mould and fashion us, that we may be prepared for thy heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, to whose tender compassion we owe our safety in days past, together with all the comforts of this present life, and the hopes of that which is to come; We praise thee, O God, our Creator; unto thee do we give thanks, O God, our exceeding joy, who daily

pourest thy benefits upon us. Grant, we beseech thee, that Jesus our Lord, the Hope of glory, may be formed in us, in all humility, meekness, patience, contentedness, and absolute surrender of our souls and bodies to thy holy will and pleasure. Leave us not, nor forsake us, O Father, but conduct us safe through all changes of our condition here, in an unchangeable love to thee, and in holy tranquillity of mind in thy love to us, till we come to dwell with thee, and rejoice in thee for ever. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

WE give thee thanks, holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, who hast been pleased to bring us through the night to the hours of the morning. We pray thee to grant us to pass this day without sin, so that at eventide we may again give thanks to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening.

The following Sentences may be read:

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Or,

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Evening Prayer.

O GOD most merciful, Light Eternal in the darkness shining, by whom the night of sin and the blindness of our hearts are driven away: since thou hast appointed the day for labor and the night for rest, grant unto us, we beseech thee, that our bodies may repose in peace and quietness, that afterward they may be able to endure the toil which thou hast laid upon us in thy service: temper our sleep that it be not disorderly, and keep us spotless both in body and in soul, that our very rest may be to thy glory, renewing the strength of our hearts and our joy in thee. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding that we may not sleep in death, but obtain deliverance, through faith and hope, from all fear of this misery. Defend us against all assaults of our enemies, and take us into thy holy protection. And although we have not passed this day without greatly sinning against thee, we beseech thee to hide our sins with thy mercy, as thou coverest all things on earth with the darkness of the night, that they may be blotted out from thy remembrance, and that we may abide in thy presence and thy favor, both now and for evermore. Relieve and comfort, with thy fatherly goodness, all who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; protect and prosper, with thine

Almighty power, our country and our rulers, the whole Church of Christ on earth, our home, and all that we hold dear and sacred: be pleased to guard and help those whom we silently remember before thee [*here let there be a moment of prayer in silence*]. Bless us and keep us, watch over us and save us, O God in whom we trust; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

OUR Master, as this day closes and passes from our control, the sense of our shortcomings is quick within us and we seek thy pardon. But since we daily crave thy mercy on our weakness, help us now to show mercy to those who have this day grieved or angered us, and to forgive them utterly. Suffer us not to cherish dark thoughts of resentment or revenge. So fill us with thy abounding love and peace that no ill-will may be left in our hearts as we turn to our rest. And if we remember that any brother justly hath aught against us through this day's work, fix in us this moment the firm resolve to make good the wrong and to win again the love of our brother. Suffer us not to darken thy world by lovelessness, but give us the power of the sons of God to bring in the reign of love among men. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

WE beseech thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of thy patience. Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer; —with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavors against evil, suffer us a while longer to endure, and (if it may be) help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends; be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest; if any dream, be their dreams quiet; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our Sun and Comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts—eager to labor—eager to be happy, if happiness shall be our portion—and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

O GOD, who hast appointed the night for rest and the day for the works and labors of life, we beseech thee to grant us quiet repose this night, that our bodies being refreshed, our minds may be more wakeful and strong to serve thee. Laying aside

our cares and anxieties, may we sleep in the peace of a good conscience, in the faith of thy Presence and protection, and in the hope of thine eternal glory. Let not our sleep or any bodily indulgence degenerate into intemperance and sloth, but be in such measure as is needed to fit us again for the works and duties of our calling, so that even our sleep may be holy, and that whatever we do we may do to thy glory. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

O LORD Jesus, greater love can none show than thou hast shown for us. Thou didst empty thyself of thy glory; thou didst condescend to be born in the form of a servant; thou didst submit to weariness and pain; thou didst endure contradiction and buffeting; thou gavest thy back to the smiters, and thy sacred body to the terrible cross; and all that we, thine enemies, might be healed and live. By this thy great love thou hast saved us; but thou hast taught us also. Thy love went beyond all example, that it might serve for an example to all. But what is our love to thine? Yea, what is it compared to what it might have been, if we had borne thine in mind? Thou hadst not where to lay thine head, yet thou wast meek and lowly. Thou didst drink up the bitter cup of suffering, not doing thine own, but thy Father's, will. O blessed Jesus,

give us more charity, more self-denial, more likeness to thee. We give what we can spare, and bestow that which we shall not miss; O teach us to sacrifice our comforts to others, and our likings for the sake of doing good. Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. If we are slighted, if we are injured, if we are slandered, teach us first to think how we may show kindness in return. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive; better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward; better to minister than to be ministered to: better to be last than to be first.

O thou merciful and loving High Priest, who hast passed within the veil, and art in the presence of the Father, help us with thy mighty intercession, that, our unworthiness being clothed upon with thy perfect righteousness, we may stand accepted in the day of thy coming, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

WE give thee thanks, O heavenly Father, who hast preserved us through the day; we pray thee to keep us through the night, and to bring us in safety to the morning hours, that thou mayst receive our praise at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

WE thank thee, O Lord, for all the mercies of the past day. Be with us and guard us throughout the night. Forgive us our manifold sins, ignorances, and negligences, that so we may rest at peace with thee; through the merits of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Occasional Prayers connected with Cardinal Events within the Family, the Church, and the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Within the Family.

The Birth of a Child.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, from whom we come and to whom at the last we go, visit us with a special sense of thine overshadowing Presence, and make us feel that all our household, sick and well, young and old, are safe in thy keeping. We reverently receive the child born into our house as the gift of thy hand, and we devote *him* thankfully to thee. Sustain and guard *him* in *his* utter helplessness, and enable us so to surround *him* with love and care that *he* may live as thy child, and serve *his* generation according to thy will. Cause thy goodness and mercy to follow *him* all the days of *his* life; and at the end bring *him* to dwell with thee in everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before the Baptism of a Child.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we magnify thy holy Name for the place which thou hast for us and for our little ones in the Communion of the Saints and in the Fellowship of thy Church. Look with thine infinite love upon our child as we bring *him* up to *his* place in thy House and dedicate *him* to thee. Keep *him*, body, soul, and spirit, in thy care. Make *him* to know and trust thee from *his*

earliest days. Mercifully wash all *his* sin away, and keep *him* ever within the compass of thy loving arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before a first Communion.

O THOU Father of us all, our fathers' God and our God; O thou merciful Saviour, Friend of Sinners and Food of Saints; O thou Life-giving Spirit, who dost in all ages unite in holy fellowship the souls that put their trust in Jesus, we commend to thy tender care the member of our family who now seeks admission to thy holy Feast.

We thank thee that as the days have passed *he* has learned of thee and of thy love, and has been moved to take upon *himself* the vows made for *him* in baptism. Grant *him* forgiveness of past sin and shortcomings; give *him* strength to dedicate *himself* and all *his* energies to thy service. Enable *him* to confess thee in *his* life as *his* Lord and Saviour.

May the communion now entered into be for *him* the seal of brotherhood. Guide *him* by thy Spirit, that *he* may know and do thy will in the home, the Church, and the world. Succor *him* in times of doubt and difficulty, of peril and temptation, so that *he* may indeed be a partaker of the benefits of thy priceless Sacrifice. Watch over *him* by thy Providence, nurture *him* by thy grace, and when the end comes may *he* be received into

thy Presence and share in the perfect fellowship above. Amen.

For a Son or Daughter leaving Home.

O LORD our God, Father and Shepherd of our souls, we commend our loved one to thy merciful care as *he* leaves the shelter of our home. In *his* hours of weakness, be thou *his* refuge and strength; in temptation and amid vexations and trials, make *him* brave and true. Through all the difficult and perplexing paths of life be thou *his* guide. As *he* takes *his* way among strangers, do thou befriend *him* and bless *him* with the fellowship of Christian people. Enrich *him* with thy heavenly grace that in word and deed *he* may ever keep the faith, and at the last attain unto that Crown of Righteousness which the Lord shall give unto all those that love His appearing; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

For the Sick.

IN thee, O God, do we put our trust: let us never be ashamed. Deliver us in thy righteousness and rescue us. Bow down thine ear to us and save us. Be thou to us a rock of habitation whereunto we may continually resort.

Almighty God, whom to know is life eternal, and in whom to abide is to have comfort and peace, look upon us with favor, as we approach thy throne. Heavenly Father,

teach us all to know thee, by thy love, thy tenderness, and thy daily compassion. May we ever feel thy nearness, and answer to thy touch. Thou hast permitted one of thy dear ones to be laid aside by sickness and pain; and on *his* behalf we supplicate thee. Restore *him* if it please thee to health and strength. And grant that through suffering and discipline we may all be led to consecrate ourselves more fully to thy holy and blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone can heal us and give us life. Amen.

In time of Trouble or Sore Distress.

O LORD, hear, we beseech thee, our cry, and deliver us. Our hearts faint, our strength fails, our souls melt because of trouble. Our distresses bring our sins to remembrance, and the darkness fills us with fear. Speak to us that we may know that it is thyself, and our anxieties shall be dispelled and our spirits set at rest. Lighten, we pray thee, our burden, if that be best for us, and give us grace to bear whatever load thou seest fit to appoint. Enable us to trust thee in all that concerns us and ours. May thy will be done in us, O Lord. Give us courage to follow wherever thou leadest. If the way be long and the path steep, give us patience to continue to the end. Forgive our sin of distrust and words of complaining that may have escaped our lips. Purify us through

our trials, and mould us after thine own likeness; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Memorial of those who are at Rest.

O THOU Lord of all worlds, we bless thy Name for all those who have entered into their rest and reached the Promised Land where thou art seen face to face. Give us grace to follow in their footsteps, as they followed in the footsteps of thy holy Son. Encourage our wavering hearts by their example, and help us to see in them the memorials of thy redeeming grace and pledges of the heavenly might in which the weak are made strong. Keep alive in us the memory of those dear to ourselves whom thou hast called out of this world, and make it powerful to subdue within us every vile and unworthy thought. Grant that every remembrance which turns our hearts from things seen to things unseen may lead us also upwards to thee, till we, too, come to the eternal rest which thou hast prepared for thy people. Amen.

The New Year.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast guided our steps across another year, we bow before thee in solemn gratitude, as we call to mind thy manifold mercies, of which we have been so unworthy. With full

heart we bless thee for all the varied discipline by which thou hast with patient love been preparing us day by day for thine everlasting Kingdom; for any joy that renewed our hope and strength, and for any grief that helped us to feel that here we are but pilgrims and strangers. Thy gracious hand has been upon all our life. Surely thou hast crowned our year with thy goodness, and our praise shall be of thee.

With sorrow and penitence would we confess that our sin has been ever before us; our feet have not been swift to run in the way that leadeth unto life; our hands have not been willing to do the work which thou hast given them to do; nor have our hearts been cleansed of their evil and selfish purposes. Have pity upon us, whom the years carry away as with a flood. Have pity upon us, O Father, thou whose years know no end, and let not thy kindness depart from us, for in humility and hope we wait for thy salvation.

Open our eyes to see thy most blessed will, and may we find therein our peace. As the shadows of the departing year gather round us, we would feel the comforting and reassuring touch of Jesus' hand. Through all our life, may he lead us step by step, till he bring us at last into that world which is all light and in which is no darkness at all; for his own Name's sake. Amen.

Within the Family

Last Day of the Year.

ALMIGHTY Father, who with untiring love dost watch over thy children from one generation to another, amid all the changes of our earthly life thou abidest. Graciously help us to abide in thee, that evermore we may be steadfast and strong. For the light that never failed and the grace that never left us in the days gone by; for the visions that dispelled our doubt and the hopes that chastened our sorrow, we lift up our hearts to thee in praise and joy. May the coming days be filled with a high sense of the sacredness of life and the value of time. With the dawning of each new day, shine on us with thy face. Uplift our hearts by the thought of the glory of our calling in Christ and of the joy that is set before us in his service. May the numberless memories of thy patient love deliver us from every crooked way, from every evil thought and imagination, that when all our days on earth are done we may be set before the presence of thy glory without blemish in exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Life of the Church.

The Nativity (Christmas).

OUR God and Father, we come before thee now with thankfulness in our hearts and thanksgiving upon our lips to

rejoice together in the coming of thy Son and our Saviour. May we even now turn in thought to Bethlehem, to see this thing which is come to pass. Thou hast made known anew the great love wherewith thou hast loved us: thou hast visited and redeemed thy people! thou didst honor childhood when the King of Glory took upon himself our flesh, and in our human nature was born a child that he might live among us and at the last die for us.

Teach us through the beauty of his childhood what thou wouldst have the children to be, that like him they may be pure and loving, increasing in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Grant that we may, all of us, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that we may understand more and more, through his coming, the greatness of human need and the wonder of Divine love. May the fulness of his loving heart overflow into ours this day, that others may be sharers, through us, in the blessing he brings.

Hear us when we plead that our sins may be forgiven, for we make our supplication to thee in the Name of him who came to save the people from their sins. Amen.

The Crucifixion (Good Friday).

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind hast sent thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to

take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, we behold thy sufferings, and we mourn; our eyes, our eyes run down with tears; we weep in the bitterness of our souls, for thou wast wounded for our transgressions, thou wast bruised for our iniquities. And above all, we mourn that although we have been made partakers of thy grace, our sins have pierced thee anew: we have seemed to count thy sacrifice a vain thing. We have made void thy mercy, and have kept back from thee thy reward. Yet, Lord Jesus, let not thy mercy fail. Draw us unto thee, conform us to thine example, and now and henceforth let us take up our cross and follow thee in this world, looking for our reward in the regeneration, in the Kingdom of thy glory. Amen.

The Resurrection (*Easter*).

FATHER of Mercies and Fountain of every Good, we thank thee for our life and for all that makes life blessed and strong and true. Especially do we remember this day the deeper meaning and added joy which

our Saviour has given to life by his rising from the dead and his enthronement at thy right hand of power. Revive and deepen our faith in his risen life among men, and give us grace to realize our oneness with him in the work and furtherance of his Kingdom in the world.

We praise thee that through his Cross and Resurrection the sting of death has been taken away. Enable us to thank thee for the sorrow that is not all sorrow, as well as for the joy that is not all joy. May we increasingly welcome the light whencesoever it comes, and follow it whithersoever it leads, until our lives have been so transformed by thy Spirit that our very weakness shall be changed into strength, and we shall be filled with the health and grace of the life eternal.

O thou Life of our souls, we entreat thee to deliver us from the slavery of the flesh and the blindness of sin.

Quicken us, O thou Mighty Quickener of men's hearts, that we may more fully enter into the hope of a sure and joyful reunion with our beloved ones in the life above.

Now may he who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, make us perfect in every good work, to do his will; to whom, with thee and the eternal Spirit, be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ascension.

O LORD God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who through thy Son hast opened a way by which all flesh may come unto thee and live, we bless thee that this same Jesus, who was found in fashion as a man and became obedient unto the death of the Cross, thou hast highly exalted: and though our eyes no longer behold him, he lives for us at thy right hand for evermore.

O thou who hast passed into the heaven, while we remain upon the earth, hold us by thy strengthening hand, that we may walk fearlessly on the way that leads to thee, not fainting but going on through the grace of thy Spirit to holiness, perfection, and final bliss.

O thou King of all worlds, take unto thee thy mighty power and reign, and bring all things under thy sway. Send forth, we beseech thee, unto all the world, messengers who shall make known the greatness of thy redeeming love, that thy Kingdom may come, and the whole earth be filled with thy glory. Amen.

For the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

MOST loving Father, who hast promised good things to them that ask thee, we wait upon thee now for the gift of thy Holy Spirit.

When we pray, when we work, and when we suffer; on the verge of trial, in the midst

of perplexity and darkness, and in view of the unknown future, grant us the aid of thy Divine Spirit. Amen.

For Various Gifts and Graces.

O GOD, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love toward thee that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to thy holy will. And grant that thus loving thee, we may become daily more like unto thee and finally obtain the Crown of Life which thou hast promised to those that love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that, so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding thee, may love thee; and loving thee, may hate those sins from which thou hast redeemed us; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GRANT, Lord, that we may not for one moment admit willingly into our souls any thought contrary to thy love. Amen.

HEAR our prayers, O Lord, and consider our desires. Give unto us true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, a loving and

a friendly, a holy and a useful, manner of life; bearing the burdens of our neighbors, denying ourselves, and studying to benefit others, and to please thee in all things. Grant us to be righteous in performing promises, loving to our relatives, careful of our charges; to be gentle and easy to be entreated, slow to anger, and readily prepared for every good work. Amen.

O GOD, mercifully grant unto us that the fire of thy love may burn up in us all things that displease thee, and make us meet for thy heavenly Kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For the Church.

O THOU who hast founded a Church for thyself, and hast promised to dwell in it for ever; Enlighten and sanctify it, we beseech thee, by thy Word and Spirit; endue all pastors and ministers with thy grace, that they may with joy and assurance guard and feed thy sheep, looking to the great Bishop and Shepherd of souls. Bless all who serve thee in the rule of thy church; in the care of thy poor; in the ministry of thy praise; and in the teaching of the young. Strengthen them in their labors; give them courage to witness a good confession; and cause thy Church to increase more and more, that every knee may bow before thee, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech thee to maintain thy Church in truth and patience; that her pastors may be faithful, her watchmen vigilant, her flock loyal, her camp united, her war spiritual, her weapons heavenly, her lamp burning and shining; and as thy Son, Jesus Christ, hath given so great a price for us, let us not count it a hard thing to give up all for him, and to spend and be spent for the souls he hath redeemed, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for evermore. Amen.

For Contrition and Healing.

O SEARCHER of hearts! Thou knowest us better than we know ourselves, and seest the sins which our sinfulness hides from us. Yet even our own conscience beareth witness against us, that we often slumber on our appointed watch; that we are drawn aside by sense and self from the straight and narrow way; that we walk not always lovingly with each other and humbly with thee; that we fear what is not terrible and wish what is not holy in thy sight; and withhold that entire sacrifice of ourselves to thy perfect will, without which we are not crucified with Christ or sharers in his redemption. O look upon our contrition and lift up our weakness, Father of exhaustless mercies! and let the day-spring yet arise within our hearts and bring us healing, strength and joy. Day by day may we

grow in faith, in self-denial, in charity, in heavenly-mindedness. And then, mingle us at last with the mighty host of thy redeemed for evermore. Amen.

For the Divine Presence.

O GOD our heavenly Father, renew in us the sense of thy gracious Presence, and let it be a constant impulse within us to peace, trustfulness, and courage on our pilgrimage. Let us hold thee fast with a loving and adoring heart, and let our affections be fixed on thee, that so the unbroken communion of our hearts with thee may accompany us whatsoever we do, through life and in death. Teach us to pray heartily, to listen for thy voice within, and never to stifle its warnings. Behold, we bring our poor hearts as a sacrifice unto thee: come and fill thy sanctuary, and suffer nought impure to enter there. O thou who art Love, let thy Divine Spirit flow like a river through our whole souls, and lead us in the right way till we pass by a peaceful death into the Land of Promise. Amen.

For Rest in God.

O THOU Eternal, in whose appointment our life standeth! Thou hast committed our work to us, and we would commit our cares to thee. May we feel that we are not our own, and that thou wilt heed our wants, while we are intent upon thy will.

May we never dwell carelessly or say in our hearts 'I am here and there is none over me;' nor anxiously, as though our path were hid; but with a mind simply fixed upon our trust, and choosing nothing but the dispositions of thy Providence. More and more fill us with that pity for others' troubles which comes from forgetfulness of our own; with the charity of them that know their own unworthiness; with the alacrity of mortals that may not boast of the morrow, and the glad hope of the children of eternity. And unto thee, the beginning and the end, Lord of the living, refuge of the dying, be thanks and praise for ever! Amen.

For Love of God.

O GOD, the Author of peace and Lover of concord, grant unto us to be so firmly established in the love of thyself, that no trials whatsoever may be able to part us from thee. Amen.

The Coming of the Kingdom of God on Earth—for the greater interests of the Nation, the Empire, and the World.

For our Country.

O LORD, thy mercy is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great

mountains. Thy judgements are a great deep. O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

Almighty God, we humbly pray thee on behalf of our country and our empire, that thou wouldst cause thy face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. Thou hast set us in a large dominion, and art giving us great increase. We praise thee for thy favor to us, and to our fathers: for the rich land given to us for an inheritance, and an honorable place among the nations. Fill us with thy grace, O God, that we may approve ourselves a people mindful of thy goodness, and ready to do thy will. Defend our liberty; preserve our unity; and make us equal to our high trusts. Save us from violence and confusion and every evil way. And fashion the various multitudes coming to our shores into a united people, serving thee with gladness and strength. Take under thy guidance and protection thy servants, our King and all his counsellors. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that in the exercise of their tasks they may carry out thy holy will, so that justice and peace with thy faith and fear may be established among us and we may be a blessing to all nations. In the time of prosperity, preserve us from pride and forgetfulness of thee; and in the day of stress and burden, suffer not our trust in thee to fail. Give peace, O Lord, in our time; and draw all nations into willing

obedience to thy blessed reign; then shalt thou have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth: through Jesus Christ our Saviour and King. Amen.

For Industry, Commerce, and all Human Service.

O BLESSED Saviour, who wast pleased thyself to be numbered among the craftsmen; We pray thee to guide and prosper all who labor with their hands, that their work may be done for thy honor and rewarded with thine approval; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

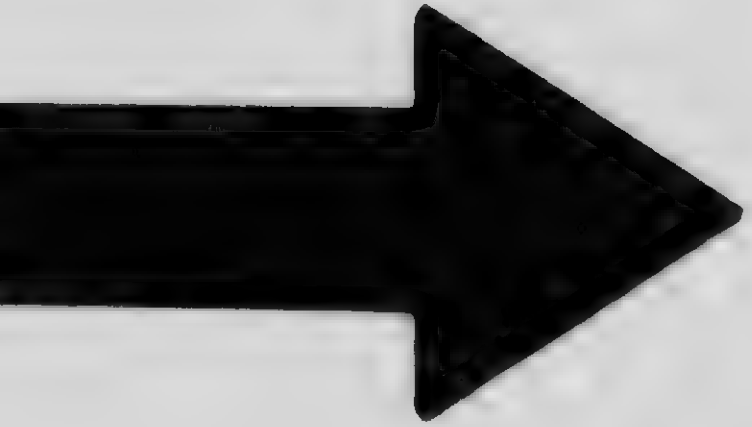
ALMIGHTY Father, who art the wise Creator of land and sea and all that is therein; We beseech thee to take from us the spirit of covetousness and to give us the spirit of brotherhood: that none may suffer want, but each according to his need may share thine abounding gifts: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missions.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy Apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; Grant to us whom thou hast called

into thy Church a ready will to obey thy Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for all thy wondrous goodness to the children of men. Thy purposes of love are for the whole world, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. Hasten then, we beseech thee, the day when all shall know thee, and the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall blossom as the rose. Graciously bless the missionaries in our own and other lands. Endue them richly with heavenly grace. Give them a vision of the risen and exalted Christ, and make their



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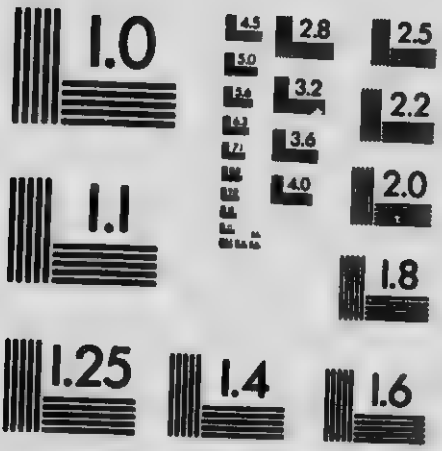

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hearts to burn within them as they tell out the story of redeeming love. Protect them from danger. May the angel of the Lord encamp round about them, and deliver them; and may their hearts be made glad by the ingathering of many into thy Kingdom. We pray for the native Church in all lands. May all thy weak and suffering children be strong in faith, patient in tribulation, and fervent in love. Shed abroad the spirit of prayer and supplication upon thy people everywhere, that thy glory may be known and the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. And all we ask is in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the sending forth of Missionaries.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, who of thine infinite love and goodness towards us hast given to us thy holy and most dearly-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labor and ministry he gathered together a great flock in all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of thy holy Name: For these so great benefits

of thy eternal goodness we render unto thee most humble thanks; we praise and worship thee: and we humbly beseech thee to hear the devout prayers of thy Church, that thou wouldest be pleased to send laborers into thy vineyard, and so to prosper their work that thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed Kingdom enlarged; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For world-wide Witness to Christ.

DEAR Lord Jesus Christ, who on the Mount of the Ascension didst bid thy disciples to become witnesses unto thee; Give us faith to receive and courage to obey thy Word. May we give thy message to the men and women who labor near us and live at our side. Show us how to interpret thee to the brother of toil and to the sister of sorrow. May we witness for thee in the commonwealth where we live, and for whose welfare and progress each one of us is responsible. Make us realize that our citizenship is a Christian service, and its every act a sacrament. May we strive to make thee known to the farthest corner of our land, and to every heart that hungers for strength and peace. May we proclaim thee also to the uttermost part of the earth, realizing that this is the common task and the highest privilege of all thy servants. Grant us such

a vision of the great world and its need as shall make us eager sharers in speeding the work, now in our day of opportunity. Above all things, lead us into godly union and concord, and teach us to find our lost unity in such work for thee and for the dying souls of men as shall bind us to the Cross of a loving Saviour, and in thee to one another.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

Children's Prayers.

Prayers in Verse for the use of the Younger Children.

FATHER, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do, in work or play,
To grow more loving every day. Amen.

AND now I rise and see the light,
'Tis God has kept me through the night;
I lift my hands and humbly pray
That he would keep me through the day.
Amen.

Children's Prayers

JESUS, tender Shepherd, hear me,
  Bless thy little lamb to-night;
Through the darkness be thou near me;
  Watch my sleep till morning light.

All this day thy hand has led me,
  And I thank thee for thy care;
Thou hast clothed me, warmed and fed me;
  Listen to my evening prayer.

Let my sins be all forgiven;
  Bless the friends I love so well;
Take me, when I die, to heaven,
  Happy there with thee to dwell. Amen.

MY Father, hear my prayer
  Before I go to rest;
It is thy little child
  That cometh to be blest.

Forgive me all my sin,
  And let me sleep this night
In safety and in peace,
  Until the morning light. Amen.

THINE are all the gifts, O God!
  Thine the broken bread;
Let the naked feet be shod,
  And the starving fed.

Let thy children, by thy grace,
  Give as they abound,
Till the poor have breathing space,
  And the lost are found. Amen.

Saviour, teach me day by day,
  Love's sweet lesson,—to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
  Loving him who first loved me.

With a child's glad heart of love
  At thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow thee,
  Loving him who first loved me. Amen.

For Jesus, born a little child,
  We thank thee, heavenly Father;
For Jesus, loving, kind, and mild,
  We thank thee, heavenly Father.

For Jesus Christ, the children's friend,
Who to us all his love doth send,
For him who helps us to the end,
  We thank thee, heavenly Father. Amen.

Morning.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Morning Prayer.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, lead me, guard me, help me, bless me, keep me, make me pure and brave and true, in all I think and say and do. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

MY loving heavenly Father, I thank thee for the night's rest and for this new day.

At home, in school, or at play, help me to do thy will, by being true and kind. Teach me to be like Jesus. Bless father, mother, brother(*s*), and sister(*s*), and all who love me; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Evening.

Blessed be the Lord by day; blessed be the Lord by night: blessed be the Lord when we lie down; blessed be the Lord when we rise up.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Evening Prayer.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, I thank thee for thy love and care for me to-day; forgive my sins; bless all for whom I ought to pray; and help us all to love thee more and more, and every day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

FATHER in heaven, I thank thee for thy love and all the good things of the past day. Whatever was wrong in my words or actions, forgive. Keep me safe through the night. Bless father and mother and all whom I love, and who love me. For Jesus' sake I ask it. Amen.

Graces before Meat.

We thank thee, Father, for daily bread. Bless this food for our use and us for thy service; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Father in heaven, we thank thee for giving us food to eat. May we use our strength to do thy will; we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Lord bless this food to our use, and us to his service. Amen.

Heavenly Father, make us thankful to thee, and mindful of others, as we receive these blessings, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

For these and all his mercies, God's holy Name be praised. Amen.

LORD Jesus, be our holy Guest;
Our morning Joy, our evening Rest;
And with our daily bread impart
Thy love and peace to every heart. Amen.

Before Common Worship.

O GOD, the source of all pure desires and holy affections, give me now a quiet mind, and a reverent and devout heart, that I may worthily worship thee at this time, and think how I am living, and resolve how to live better. Amen.

Or,

O GOD, help me now to worship thee aright. May I hear thy voice speaking to me in every part of this service, and do thou grant me a mind to hear that I may grow in the Divine life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIST OF

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE FOR EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR

1 Sun. (R).[1]	In the beginning, God!—a song of delight in the divine being and working.	Ps. civ. 1-24.
2 Mon.	His creation of the heavens and the earth.	Gen. i. 1-25.
3 Tues.	The creation of man in the image of God.	Gen. i. 26-31, ii. 1-3.
4 Wed.	The rise of conscience	Gen. ii. 4-10, 15-25.
5 Thurs.	The fall of man.	Gen. iii. 1-24.
6 Fri.	Jealousy kills brotherhood.	Gen. iv. 1-16.
7 Sat.	The Lord abhors the bloody and deceitful man.	Ps. v. 1-12.
8 Sun. (R).	Thou madest man to have dominion over the works of thy hands.	Ps. viii. 1-9.
9 Mon.	The call of Abram to a new and great adventure.	Gen. xii. 1-10.
10 Tues.	The feud between the families of Abram and Lot.	Gen. xiii. 1-15, 18.
11 Wed.	God renews the understanding with Abraham.	Gen. xvii. 1-10, 15-20.
12 Thurs.	Abraham intercedes for Sodom.	Gen. xviii. 17-33.
13 Fri.	Lot and his family leaving Sodom and Gomorrah.	Gen. xix. 15-28.
14 Sat.	The temptation of Abraham.	Gen. xxii. 1-19.
15 Sun. (R).	Wherewith shall I come before the Lord?	Micah vi. 1-8.
16 Mon.	The wooing of Rebekah.	Gen. xxiv. 1-4, 10-14.
17 Tues.	Same subject, continued.	Gen. xxiv. 15-28.
18 Wed.	" "	Gen. xxiv. 29-49.
19 Thurs.	" concluded.	Gen. xxiv. 50-67.
20 Fri.	The favoritism of parents in family life.	Gen. xxvii. 1-17.
21 Sat.	Jacob steals his brother's blessing.	Gen. xxvii. 18-29.
22 Sun. (R).	The law of the Lord is perfect.	Ps. xix. 7-14.
23 Mon.	A deceived brother's vow of vengeance.	Gen. xxvii. 30-46.

[1] '(R)' indicates a passage which may be read responsively.

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24 Tues.	Flight of Jacob into Mesopotamia and vision of a ladder.	Gen. xxviii. 1-5, 10-[illegible]
25 Wed.	The meeting of Jacob and Rachel at the well.	Gen. xxix. 1-14.
26 Thurs.	Departure of Jacob for Canaan and God's wrestling with him in the darkness.	Gen. xxxii. 9-12, 24-30.
27 Fri.	The story of Joseph and his two dreams.	Gen. xxxvii. 1-12.
28 Sat.	Joseph sold into Egypt by his envious brethren.	Gen. xxxvii. 13-28.
29 Sun. (R).	The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.	Ps. xxxvii. 23-31.
30 Mon.	Joseph interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's butler and baker.	Gen. xl. 1-23.
31 Tues.	Pharaoh's own dreams.	Gen. xli. 1-24.
32 Wed.	Joseph's interpretation of them.	Gen. xli. 25-37.
33 Thurs.	Pharaoh sets Joseph over all the land of Egypt.	Gen. xli. 38-57.
34 Fri.	Joseph's brethren sent to buy corn in Egypt.	Gen. xlii. 1-13.
35 Sat.	Joseph makes himself known to his brethren.	Gen. xlv. 1-10.
36 Sun. (R).	Trust in the Lord and do good.	Ps. xxxvii. 1-11.
37 Mon.	Pharaoh invites Joseph's father and brethren into Egypt.	Gen. xlv. 16-28.
38 Tues.	Arrival and establishment of the clan.	Gen. xlvi. 1-7, 28-34.
39 Wed.	The new Pharaoh oppresses Israel.	Ex. i. 7-14, 22.
40 Thurs.	Birth and upbringing of Moses—the Nile baby.	Ex. ii. 1-10.
41 Fri.	Flight of Moses into Midian, where he meets his future wife.	Ex. ii. 11-21.
42 Sat.	Moses sees a bush burning but not consumed.	Ex. iii. 1-10.
43 Sun. (R).	The heavens declare the glory of God.	Ps. xix. 1-6.
44 Mon.	God's colloquy with Moses and his response.	Ex. iii. 11-22.
45 Tues.	The death of the firstborn—a gloomy night in Egypt.	Ex. xii. 21-30.
46 Wed. (R).	The firstborn of all creation.	Col. i. 9-20.
47 Thurs.	The flight of the Israelites from Egypt.	Ex. xiv. 1-14.
48 Fri.	The pursuit of the Egyptians.	Ex. xiv. 15-31.
49 Sat.	They sink like lead into the mighty waters.	Ex. xv. 1-21.
50 Sun. (R).	He rebuked the Red Sea also.	Ps. cvi. 1-12.
51 Mon.	Moses sees the glory of God.	Ex. xxxiii. 12-23.

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52 Tues.	God makes all his goodness pass before the eyes of Moses.	Ex. xxxiv. 1-8, 27.
53 Wed.	I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you go upright.	Lev. xxvi. 3-16.
54 Thurs.	The congregation drank of the water, and their beasts also.	Num. xx. 1-11.
55 Fri.	How shall I curse whom God hath not cursed?	Num. xxiii. 1-12.
56 Sat.	How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob.	Num. xxiv. 1-9.
57 Sun. (R).	We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.	Ps. xcv. 1-11.
58 Mon.	I shall see him, but not now.	Num. xxiv. 10-19.
59 Tues.	In the land that floweth with milk and honey.	Deut. vi. 1-12.
60 Wed.	Lest we forget.	Deut. viii. 1, 6-18.
61 Thurs.	To him shalt thou cleave.	Deut. x. 12-22, xi. 1.
62 Fri.	All these blessings shall overtake thee if obedient.	Deut. xxviii. 1-10.
63 Sat.	The fearful consequences of disobedience.	Deut. xxviii. 58-68.
64 Sun. (R).	I have set before thee life and good, death and evil.	Deut. xxx. 11-20.
65 Mon.	Mingled mercy and retribution of Jehovah.	Deut. xxxii. 1-12.
66 Tues.	Death and burial of Moses.	Deut. xxxiv. 1-12.
67 Wed.	Rahab receives the two spies in her house on the wall.	Josh. ii. 1-16, 23, 24.
68 Thurs.	The punishment of Achan's covetousness.	Josh. vii. 1, 5, 6, 10-13, 19-22, 24-26.
69 Fri.	The wickedness of a new generation.	Judg. ii. 7-8, 10-16, 18-19.
70 Sat.	How Deborah delivered Israel.	Judg. iv. 1-9.
71 Sun. (R).	The triumph song of Deborah.	Judg. v. 1, 19-31.
72 Mon.	Gideon's three hundred men who were ready for sacrifice or service.	Judg. vii. 1-7, 16-22.
73 Tues.	Jephthah's daughter.	Judg. xi. 5-8, 29-38.
74 Wed.	Samson and Delilah.	Judg. xvi. 4-20.
75 Thurs.	Samson, the sport of the Philistines.	Judg. xvi. 21-31.
76 Fri.	Ruth and Naomi, or entreat me not to leave thee.	Ruth i. 1-5, 8-18.
77 Sat.	Ruth among the reapers.	Ruth ii. 1-18.
78 Sun. (R).	Blessed are the undefiled in the way.	Ps. cxix. 1-12.
79 Mon.	Ruth carries her gleanings to Naomi.	Ruth ii. 14-23.
80 Tues.	Boaz takes Ruth to wife.	Ruth iv. 1-17.
81 Wed.	Hannah and Peninnah, or the evil of bigamy.	1 Sam. i. 1-8.

82	Thurs.	Birth of a son promised to Hannah.	1 Sam. i. 9-18.
83	Fri.	Hannah presents Samuel to the Lord according to her vow.	1 Sam. i. 19-28.
84	Sat.	The first great Song of Motherhood in Israel.	1 Sam. ii. 1-10.
85	Sun. (R).	The two paths.	Prov. iv. 14-27.
86	Mon.	God speaks to the child Samuel.	1 Sam. ii. 18, 19. 1 Sam. iii. 1-18.
87	Tues.	The ark of God is taken, and Eli dies.	1 Sam. iv. 1-22.
88	Wed.	The people ask Samuel for a king.	1 Sam. viii. 1-20.
89	Thurs.	Saul seeking his father's asses finds a kingdom.	1 Sam. ix. 1-3, 15-21.
90	Fri.	The anointing of Saul and his awakening to life's greater issues.	1 Sam. x. 1-12.
91	Sat.	God save the King.	1 Sam. x. 17-27.
92	Sun. (R).	God is the King of all the earth.	Ps. xlvii. 1-9.
93	Mon.	Samuel's solemn address to Israel.	1 Sam. xii. 1-5, 19-25.
94	Tues.	Saul rejected.	1 Sam. xv. 10-23.
95	Wed.	David anointed to the kingship.	1 Sam. xvi. 1-13.
96	Thurs.	David's music, and Saul's melancholy.	1 Sam. xvi. 14-23.
97	Fri.	David hears Goliath's challenge.	1 Sam. xvii. 20-24, 32-37.
98	Sat.	David slays Goliath.	1 Sam. xvii. 38-49.
99	Sun. (R).	The Lord is on our side.	Ps. cxxiii, and cxxiv.
100	Mon.	David and Jonathan become friends.	1 Sam. xviii. 1-9.
101	Tues.	David seeks Jonathan's help.	1 Sam. xx. 1-11, 17.
102	Wed.	David in the cave spares Saul's life.	1 Sam. xxiv. 1-10.
103	Thurs.	Saul at War with the Philistines consults the Woman of Endor.	1 Sam. xxviii. 1-16.
104	Fri.	David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan.	2 Sam. i. 17, 19-27.
105	Sat.	David and Mephibosheth.	2 Sam. ix. 1-13.
106	Sun. (R).	Be ye therefore perfect.	Matt. v. 38-48.
107	Mon.	God rebukes and punishes David.	2 Sam. xii. 1-10, 13-23.
108	Tues.	David flees because Absalom has beguiled the people from their allegiance.	2 Sam. xv. 1-6, 12-16.
109	Wed.	Death of Absalom.	2 Sam. xviii. 1-23.
110	Thurs.	David's grief over Absalom's Death.	2 Sam. xviii. 24-33.
111	Fri.	Joab, David, and Barzillai.	2 Sam. xix. 1-8, 31-40.
112	Sat.	David blesses the Lord.	1 Chron. xxix. 10-19.
113	Sun. (R).	With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful.	2 Sam. xxii. 21-29.

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114 Mon.	Solomon's dream.	1 Kings iii. 5-15.
115 Tues.	The judgement of Solomon.	1 Kings iii. 16-28.
116 Wed.	The learning of Solomon.	1 Kings iv. 29-34.
117 Thurs.	The Queen of Sheba visits King Solomon.	1 Kings x. 1-13.
118 Fri.	Part of Solomon's Prayer at the Dedication of the Temple.	1 Kings viii 22-30.
119 Sat.	Solomon blesses all the congregation.	1 Kings viii. 54-61.
120 Sun. (R).	Whither shall I flee from thy presence?	Ps. cxxxix. 1-24.
121 Mon.	The Schism—Rehoboam King of Judah, Jeroboam King of Israel.	1 Kings xii. 1-20.
122 Tues.	Death of Jeroboam.	1 Kings xiv. 1-20.
123 Wed.	Elijah and the widow of Zarephath.	1 Kings xvii. 1-16.
124 Thurs.	Elijah and the priests of Baal.	1 Kings xviii. 20-40.
125 Fri.	Elijah's heart sorely cast down.	1 Kings xix. 1-18.
126 Sat.	The vineyard of Naboth.	1 Kings xxi. 1-14.
127 Sun. (R).	The vineyard of God.	Is. v. 1-7, 20-25.
128 Mon.	Ahab and Elijah in the vineyard of Naboth.	1 Kings xxi. 15-24.
129 Tues.	The translation of Elijah.	2 Kings ii. 1-11.
130 Wed.	Elisha restores to life the child of the Shunammite.	2 Kings iv. 8-37.
131 Thurs.	The vision of the angel guards.	2 Kings vi. 8-23.
132 Fri.	Hezekiah King of Judah—his good reign.	2 Chr. xxix. 1-11.
133 Sat.	Sennacherib's invasion of Judah, and the destruction of his army.	2 Chr. xxxii. 1-3, 9-15, 18-23.
134 Sun. (R).	Hezekiah's Song of Thanksgiving for recovery from sickness.	Is. xxxviii. 9-20.
135 Mon.	Satan among the sons of God.	Job i. 1-12.
136 Tues.	Job's family afflictions.	Job i. 13-22.
137 Wed.	The spectre in the night.	Job iv. 12-21.
138 Thurs.	Happy is the man whom God correcteth.	Job v. 17-27.
139 Fri.	Canst thou by searching find out God?	Job xi. 7-18.
140 Sat.	The frail life of man on earth.	Job xix. 1-12.
141 Sun. (R).	Our house which is from heaven.	2 Cor. v. 1-21.
142 Mon.	Protection, guidance, pardon.	Ps. xxv. 1-14.
143 Tues.	In his favor is life.	Ps xxx. 1-12.
144 Wed.	I will bless the Lord at all times.	Ps. xxxiv. 1-22.
145 Thurs.	Thou tellest my wanderings.	Ps. lvi. 1-13.
146 Fri.	An ascending scale of Divine remembrances.	Ps. lxxvii. 1-12.
147 Sat.	In the secret place of the Most High.	Ps. xci. 1-16.

148 Sun. (R).	Glory and honor are in his presence.	1 Chr. xvi. 23-36.
149 Mon.	It is a good thing to give thanks.	Ps. xcii. 1-15.
150 Tues.	He hath not dealt with us after our sins.	Ps. ciii. 1-22.
151 Wed.	I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.	Ps. cxxi. 1-8.
152 Thurs.	They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion.	Ps. cxxv. 1-5.
153 Fri.	Out of the depths have I cried unto thee.	Ps. cxxx. 1-8 and cxxxi. 1-3.
154 Sat.	Behold how good for brethren to dwell together in unity.	Ps. cxxxiii. 1-3.
155 Sun. (R).	One generation shall praise thy works to another.	Ps. cxlv. 1-21.
156 Mon.	Exhortations of a father to his son.	Prov. i. 8-9, 20-33.
157 Tues.	Same subject, continued.	Prov. ii. 1-15, 20.
158 Wed.	" " "	Prov. iii. 1-6, 11-18, 23-26.
159 Thurs.	" " "	Prov. iv. 1-13.
160 Fri.	" " "	Prov. iv. 14-27.
161 Sat.	" " concluded.	Prov. vi. 6-11, 16-23.
162 Sun. (R).	Doth not wisdom cry ?	Prov. viii. 1-21.
163 Mon.	A good name is better than great riches.	Prov. xxii. 1-12.
164 Tues.	Warnings against envy and sloth.	Prov. xxiv. 17-20, 30-34.
165 Wed.	Self-love and true love.	Prov. xxvii. 1-12.
166 Thurs.	In praise of the virtues of woman.	Prov. xxxi. 10-12, 23-31.
167 Fri.	Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.	Eccles. i. 1-11.
168 Sat.	I gave my heart to know wisdom and folly.	Eccles. i. 12-18.
169 Sun. (R).	Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me.	Ps. xl. 1-11.
170 Mon.	Testing life out—in the works of pleasure and labor.	Eccles. ii. 1-11.
171 Tues.	Nothing better than joy in our labor.	Eccles. ii. 12-26.
172 Wed.	A time for everything and everything in its time.	Eccles. iii. 1-22.
173 Thurs.	Vanities in divine service and in riches.	Eccles. v. 1-20.
174 Fri.	The wise and their works are in the hand of God.	Eccles. ix. 1-10.
175 Sat.	Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.	Eccles. xi. 7-10, xii. 1-14.
176 Sun. (R).	The coming of the roses and the lilies.	Song of Sol. ii. 1-14, 16, 17.

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177 Mon.	Come now and let us reason together.	Is. i. 2–4, 10–20.
178 Tues.	They shall beat their swords into ploughshares.	Is. ii. 1–22.
179 Wed.	Isaiah's vision and call to service.	Is. vi. 1–13.
180 Thurs.	The sign of future deliverance—birth of Emmanuel.	Is. vii. 13–16, ix. 1–7.
181 Fri.	The reign of peace.	Is. xi. 1–10.
182 Sat.	Taunting speech against the King of Babylon.	Is. xiv. 3–17.
183 Sun. (R).	O sing unto the Lord a new song.	Ps. xcvi. 1–13.
184 Mon.	Babylon destroyed and Jerusalem restored.	Is. xxv. 1–9.
185 Tues.	A song inciting to confidence in God—the Rock of Ages.	Is. xxvi. 1–19.
186 Wed.	Menaces and promises.	Is. xxviii 14–20, xxix. 9–14.
187 Thurs.	The reign of righteousness.	Is. xxxii. 1–20.
188 Fri.	The joyful return to Zion.	Is. xxxv. 1–10.
189 Sat.	Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.	Ps. xxxiii. 1–12.
190 Sun. (R).	A heartening voice and its echoes.	Is. xl. 1–11.
191 Mon.	The greatness of Almighty God.	Is. xl. 12–31.
192 Tues.	I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not.	Is. xlii. 1–12, 15, 16.
193 Wed.	How beautiful upon the mountains.	Is. lii. 7–10, 13–15.
194 Thurs.	Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters.	Is. lv. 1–13.
195 Fri.	The restoration of Israel.	Jer. xxxi. 1–17.
196 Sat.	The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple.	Mal. iii. 1–12.
197 Sun. (R).	All nations shall call him blessed.	Ps. lxxii. 1–17.
198 Mon.	The angel's announcement to the Virgin Mary.	Luke i. 26–35, 38.
199 Tues.	Mary's Song of Motherhood.	Luke i. 39–56.
200 Wed.	The birth of John the Baptist.	Luke i. 57–66.
201 Thurs.	The prophecy of Zacharias the father of John.	Luke i. 67–80.
202 Fri.	The birth of Jesus.	Luke ii. 4–21.
203 Sat.	The star of Bethlehem.	Matt. ii. 1–12.
204 Sun. (R).	The Golden Age of the prophets.	Is. lxv. 17–25.
205 Mon.	Jesus a light to lighten all peoples.	Luke ii. 25–38.
206 Tues.	Jesus in the Temple disputing with the doctors.	Luke ii. 40–51.
207 Wed.	The Baptist appears and preaches repentance.	Luke iii. 1–14.
208 Thurs.	The baptism of Jesus.	Luke iii. 15–23.

209 Fri.	Jesus tempted in the wilderness.	Matt. iv. 1-11.
210 Sat.	The wonderful Galilean ministry that followed.	Luke iv. 14-24.
211 Sun. (R).	The beatitudes of Jesus.	Matt. v. 1-12.
212 Mon.	His disciples—the salt and light of the earth—must love their enemies.	Matt. v. 13-16, 43-48.
213 Tues.	Doing good and praying.	Matt. vi. 1-18.
214 Wed.	The riches we can seek with a clear conscience.	Matt. vi. 19-34.
215 Thurs.	The golden rule.	Matt. vii. 1-12.
216 Fri.	Build the house that shall not fall.	Matt. vii. 13-27.
217 Sat.	Comfort in persecution.	Matt. x. 28-42.
218 Sun. (R).	If God be for us who can be against us?	Romans viii. 31-39.
219 Mon.	Rest for the weary.	Matt. xi. 25-30.
220 Tues.	The world-wide family of Jesus.	Matt. xii. 46-50.
221 Wed.	The Parable of the Sower.	Matt. xiii. 3-9, 18-23.
222 Thurs.	The greatest in the kingdom of heaven.	Matt. xviii. 1-14.
223 Fri.	The young man who had great possessions.	Matt. xix. 16-22.
224 Sat.	The laborers in the vineyard.	Matt. xx. 1-16.
225 Sun. (R).	The Last Judgement.	Matt. xxv. 31-46.
226 Mon.	Be not blind guides.	Luke vi. 17-26, 39-45.
227 Tues.	The wise and the foolish virgins.	Matt. xxv. 1-13.
228 Wed.	A woman washes Christ's feet with tears.	Luke vii. 36-50.
229 Thurs.	The transfigured Christ, and the epileptic boy.	Luke ix. 28-45.
230 Fri.	The kind-hearted Samaritan.	Luke x. 25-37.
231 Sat.	The home at Bethany.	Luke x. 38-42.
232 Sun. (R.)	Behold I stand at the door and knock.	Rev. iii. 14-22.
233 Mon.	A much-needed lesson in prayer.	Luke xi. 5-13.
234 Tues.	The foolish farmer and his barns.	Luke xii. 13-21.
235 Wed.	Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.	Luke xii. 22-34.
236 Thurs.	The Great Supper.	Luke xiv. 12-24.
237 Fri.	The prodigal son's welcome.	Luke xv. 11-24.
238 Sat.	The woman at the well of Jacob.	John iv. 5-26.
239 Sun. (R).	Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.	Ps. xxxii. 1-11.
240 Mon.	Intense earnestness demanded.	Luke xiii. 18-35.
241 Tues.	Count the cost of following Jesus.	Luke xiv. 25-35.
242 Wed.	Go after the straying sheep.	Luke xv. 1-10.
243 Thurs.	The prodigal's elder brother.	Luke xv. 25-32.
244 Fri.	The rich man's neglect of Lazarus.	Luke xvi. 19-31.

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245 Sat.	Do not cause others to stumble—be forgiving.	Luke xvii. 1–10.
246 Sun. (R).	Enter not into judgement with thy servant.	Ps. cxliii. 1–12.
247 Mon.	Conflict must precede peace.	Matt. x. 34–42.
248 Tues.	The unforgiving servant.	Matt. xviii. 23–35.
249 Wed.	Tribute to Caesar.	Matt. xxii. 16–22.
250 Thurs.	The sifting of Peter.	Luke xxii. 24–34.
251 Fri.	Jesus the revealer of the Father.	John i. 1–18.
252 Sat.	Jesus turns water into wine.	John ii. 1–11.
253 Sun. (R).	How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God.	Ps. xxxvi. 5–10.
254 Mon.	Jesus cleanses the Temple.	John ii. 12–25.
255 Tues.	How God loved the world.	John iii. 1–17.
256 Wed. (R).	In his love and in his pity he redeemed them.	Is. lxiii. 1–9.
257 Thurs.	Love the fulfilling of the law.	Rom. xiii. 7–14.
258 Fri.	We should be Christ-like.	Rom. xv. 1–7.
259 Sat.	Godliness with contentment is great gain.	1 Tim. vi. 6–16.
260 Sun. (R).	What the grace of God teaches.	Tit. ii. 11–15.
261 Mon.	Jesus multiplies food for the hungry.	John vi. 1–14.
262 Tues.	Jesus himself the Bread of Life.	John vi. 25–35, 47–58.
263 Wed.	The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep.	John x. 1–16.
264 Thurs.	Feed my lambs.	John xxi. 12–19.
265 Fri.	The sacrificial life.	Rom. xii. 1–8.
266 Sat.	One thing I do.	Phil. iii. 7–16.
267 Sun. (R).	Let the mind of Christ be in you.	Phil. ii. 1–11.
268 Mon.	The sickness and death of Lazarus.	John xi. 1–16.
269 Tues.	The raising of Lazarus.	John xi. 32–44.
270 Wed.	Mary's anointing of Jesus.	John xii. 1–8.
271 Thurs.	The Greeks ask to see Jesus.	John xii. 20–33.
272 Fri.	Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.	John xiii. 1–7.
273 Sat.	One of you shall betray me.	John xiii. 21–30.
274 Sun. (R).	Betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?	Luke xxii. 47–53.
275 Mon.	One of you shall deny me.	John xiii. 31–38.
276 Tues.	The last words of Jesus to his disciples.	John xiv. 1–14.
277 Wed.	The same subject, continued.	John xiv. 15–21.
278 Thurs.	" " "	John xv. 1–11.
279 Fri.	" " concluded.	John xv. 12–19.
280 Sat.	Your sorrow shall be turned into joy.	John xvi. 16–24.
281 Sun. (R).	Why art thou cast down, O my soul?	Ps. xlii. and xliii.

282 Mon.	When the Comforter is come, he shall testify of me.	John xv. 20–27.
283 Tues.	If I go not away the Comforter will not come.	John xvi. 5–15.
284 Wed.	The agony in the garden.	Matt. xxvi. 36–46.
285 Thurs.	The betrayal.	Matt. xxvi. 47–56.
286 Fri.	Peter denies his master.	Luke xxii. 54–62.
287 Sat.	The man of sorrows.	Is. liii. 1–12.
288 Sun. (R).	Behold what manner of love.	1 John iii. 1–3, 18–24.
289 Mon.	Christ before Pilate.	John xviii. 28–40.
290 Tues.	Christ scourged, crowned with thorns and beaten.	John xix. 1–7.
291 Wed.	Pilate delivers Christ to be crucified.	John xix. 8–16.
292 Thurs.	The crucifixion.	Luke xxiii. 26–49.
293 Fri.	The entombment.	Luke xxiii. 50–56, xxiv. 1.
294 Sat	The resurrection.	John xx. 1–18.
295 Sun. (R).	Victory over death.	1 Cor. xv. 50–58.
296 Mon.	The risen Christ appears to his disciples.	John xx. 19–29.
297 Tues.	The walk to Emmaus.	Luke xxiv. 13–32.
298 Wed.	Five hundred see Christ.	1 Cor. xv. 1–11.
299 Thurs.	Now is Christ risen from the dead.	1 Cor. xv. 19–28.
300 Fri.	When morning was come, Jesus stood on the shore.	John xxi. 1–11.
301 Sat.	The ascent of our Lord to power and glory	Acts i. 1–11.
302 Sun. (R).	Seed to the sower and bread to the eater.	Is. lv. 1–13.
303 Mon.	The descent of the Holy Spirit into our nature.	Acts ii. 1–8, 12–18.
304 Tues.	The birthday of the Christian Church.	Acts ii. 32–42
305 Wed.	The life and power of the infant community.	Acts ii. 43–47, iii. 1–10.
306 Thurs.	The institution of deacons.	Acts vi. 1–8.
307 Fri.	The martyrdom of Stephen.	Acts vi. 9–15, vii 54–60.
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309 Sun. (R).	Pure religion.	James i. 16–27.
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318 Tues.	Life's sure harvest.	Gal. vi. 1-10.
319 Wed.	Paul and Silas sing in their prison.	Acts xvi. 16-34.
320 Thurs.	How Paul preached in Thessalonica.	1 Thess. ii. 1-12.
321 Fri.	Hold fast that which is good.	1 Thess. v. 15-24.
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